



House of Representatives

General Assembly

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Substitute House Bill No. 6376

House of Representatives, March 23, 2011

The Committee on Public Safety and Security reported through REP. DARGAN of the 115th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT ELIMINATING THE REQUIREMENT OF A STATE BOOK RECORDING EACH SALE OF A PISTOL OR REVOLVER.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 29-31 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2011*):

3 No sale of any pistol or revolver shall be made except in the room,
4 store or place described in the permit for the sale of pistols and
5 revolvers, and such permit or a copy [thereof] of such permit certified
6 by the authority issuing the same shall be exposed to view within the
7 room, store or place where pistols or revolvers are sold or offered or
8 exposed for sale, and no sale or delivery of any pistol or revolver shall
9 be made unless the purchaser or person to whom the same is to be
10 delivered is personally known to the vendor of such pistol or revolver
11 or the person making delivery [thereof] of such pistol or revolver or
12 unless the person making such purchase or to whom delivery thereof
13 is to be made provides evidence of his or her identity. The vendor of

14 any pistol or revolver shall keep a record of each pistol or revolver sold
15 in a book kept for that purpose, which record shall be in such form as
16 is prescribed by [the Commissioner of Public Safety and shall include
17 the date of the sale, the caliber, make, model and manufacturer's
18 number of such pistol or revolver and the name, address and
19 occupation of the purchaser thereof, and shall be signed by the
20 purchaser and by the person making the sale, each in the presence of
21 the other, and shall be preserved by the vendor of such pistol or
22 revolver for at least six years] 27 CFR 478.125. The vendor of any pistol
23 or revolver shall make such record available for inspection upon the
24 request of any sworn member of the Division of State Police within the
25 Department of Public Safety or investigator assigned to the state-wide
26 firearms trafficking task force established under section 29-38e.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	October 1, 2011	29-31
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PS *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None***Explanation***

This bill requires vendors to make the federal record book of pistol or revolver sales available upon request to the Department of Public Safety. There is no fiscal impact associated with this change.

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OLR Bill Analysis**sHB 6376*****AN ACT ELIMINATING THE REQUIREMENT OF A STATE BOOK
RECORDING EACH SALE OF A PISTOL OR REVOLVER.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill requires gun dealers' handgun sale records to be kept in a form prescribed by federal law, rather than in a form prescribed by the public safety commissioner. It also requires gun dealers to make the records available for inspection at the request of any state police officer or investigator assigned to the State-wide Firearms Trafficking Task Force. Current law does not specify who has access to the records; but, in practice, they are available to local police and other law enforcement officers.

Finally, the bill eliminates the six-year retention period for the records.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2011

RECORDKEEPING SYSTEM FOR GUN TRANSACTIONS

Under current state law, a gun dealer selling handguns (pistols or revolvers) must keep a record of such sales in a book kept solely for that purpose. The record must be in a form prescribed by the public safety commissioner and include the (1) date the firearm is sold; (2) caliber, make, model and serial number of the firearm; and (3) the buyer's name, address, and occupation. The buyer and seller must sign the record in each other's presence, and the seller must preserve the record for at least six years.

The bill eliminates the requirement for the record to be in a form prescribed by the commissioner and instead requires it to be in a form prescribed by federal law. Federal law like state law, requires dealers

to keep a bound book with firearm sales data for inspection by federal law enforcement officers. With the exception of the buyer's occupation, federal law generally requires that dealers maintain the same information current state law requires them to maintain.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Safety and Security Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 24 Nay 0 (03/08/2011)